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Engaging California Seniors Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP) Webinar Questions and Answers

Question 1. Will guidance be issued to counties on how to maximize electronic data matches for verification? For example, verifying ID in Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS).

Answer 1. You may refer to All County Information Notice (ACIN) 1-45-11 (dated October 28, 2011) and ACIN I-45-11E (dated June 1, 2012) for verifications rules. There are no changes in existing policy and procedures.

Question 2. What are the examples of E-verification for shelter and residency?

Answer 2. You may utilize the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) to search for the county of residency. However, shelter and residency verifications are not required unless it is questionable.

Question 3. If we can't verify unearned income via E-verification, would we need to verify the unearned income through other means at intake and/or recertification?

Answer 3. No, you are not required to request verification of the unearned income from the household unless it is questionable. Please refer to Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) Section 63-300.5(g) for further guidance on examples of questionable information.

Question 4. For the transition on October 1, 2017, will the continuing Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP) eligible households have a recertification interview as a part of their next RRR, or will they be exempt from the interview?

Answer 4. Effective October 1, 2017, a regular CalFresh household transitioning to ESAP household will complete their recertification interview. There will be no recertification interview at the end of their 36-month certification period.

Question 5. Are minors with disabilities counted in ESAP? In other words, if a mother who is disabled and a minor child who is disabled considered the ESAP household?

Answer 5. Yes, minors with disabilities are counted in the ESAP household because there is no age limit for a disabled household member.